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FRENCH MISSILES FOR ISRAEL

JOHN FINNEY PIECE IN JAN 7 NYTIMES ALLEGING THAT ISRAEL PREPARING BUY FRENCH MISSILE REPRINTED IN CONDENSED FORM ON FRONTPAGE LEMONDE DATED JAN 8. MONDE ARTICLE, AFTER GIVING GIST FRENCH CORRECTION (SEPTEL) ADDS FOLLOWING NOTEWORTHY POINTS:

A. "IMPROBABLE" THAT ROCKETS IN QUESTION ARE MILITARY VERSION OF DIAMANT; HOWEVER "IT NOT EXCLUDED" THAT MISSILES

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ARE "EXTRAPOLATION OF EXPERIMENTAL TOPAZE, SOLID FUELED, TWO-STAGE VEHICLE."

B. MONDE BELIEVES (CROYONS SAVIOR) THAT FAIRLY EXTENSIVE FRANCO-ISRAELI COOPERATION TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENTS NUCLEAR WARHEAD BEGAN TOWARDS END FOURTH REPUBLIC BUT THAT, SUBSEQUENTLY, "CONTROL OF PEACEFUL USE OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED WAS SERIOUSLY STRENGTHENED". MCBRIDE
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